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Laurel Man Sentenced to Consecutive Life Terms in 2016 Murder of His Parents

A 32-year-old Laurel man has been sentenced to two consecutive terms of life in prison without the possibility of parole for the 2016 murders of his mother and father. Craig Dennis White, who lived with his parents at 9524 Queens Guard Court, was sentenced by Howard County Circuit Court Judge William V. Tucker yesterday.

Last September, a jury convicted White on two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of Glenn and Linda White. Police were dispatched to the Whites' home at on September 1, 2016 to check on the welfare of the family. A caller reported that the Whites failed to appear at an August 31 meeting. Police discovered Glenn White deceased in his bedroom and Linda White deceased in a basement bedroom. Detectives identified the couple's son as a suspect and used cell phone tracking to find and arrest him several hours later at a Columbia fast food restaurant.

During the trial, prosecutors called over three dozen witnesses and presented almost 400 pieces of evidence. Defense attorneys told the court that White had a history of mental illness and that at the time of the murders he was suffering from bipolar disorder and had a psychotic episode. White testified during the contested criminal responsibility phase of the trial, following his conviction, but the jury found him criminally responsible for the double homicide.

In recommending the maximum penalty, Deputy State's Attorney Kim Y. Oldham stated that Craig White poses a "particular threat to public safety," and asked, "if the lives of his own parents meant nothing to him, what value will he place on a stranger's life if he one day walks the streets a free man?" She highlighted details of the premeditated double murder, emphasized White's extensive efforts to cover up the crimes and stated that he had shown no remorse. Oldham underscored Glenn and Linda White's unconditional love and support for Craig White. "No matter what challenges face him, they wanted to help. No matter how much stress he added to their lives with his employment problems, his legal problems, his lack of motivation and direction, they were willing to keep trying."

White's half-brother and uncle presented victim impact statements on behalf of the family. White's half-brother stated, "Craig leaves a trail of misery longer than the eye can see," and urged that "Craig never be free to harm anyone again." The uncle told the court that his brother and sister-in-law had been killed "at the hands of a grotesque and soulless human being."

White addressed the court in a rambling, 85-minute allocution in which he professed love for his parents, asked for a retrial which was denied, and complained of being falsely imprisoned and mistreated. "I feel as though I was pinned, I feel as though I was framed, I feel as though I was railroaded," he said while promising "to do good and nothing but good," given the opportunity.

Judge Tucker observed that despite White's complaint that "the truth has not been told," Craig White "confirmed the state's case when he testified on the stand". "In this court's opinion, that's what makes him even more of a danger to society," stated the judge just prior to pronouncing his sentence.

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